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SUBJ: JOINT US/ YUGOSLAV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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SUMMARY: UNDER CABINET INSTRUCTIONS, YUGOSLAVS ARE ACTIVELY EXAMINING PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT JOINT US- YUGOSLAV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATION ON EXTENT OF INTEREST AMONG U. S. FIRMS. END SUMMARY.

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FEDERAL ECONOMIC CHAMBER MARJANOVIC INFORMED ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR THAT YUGOSLAVS ARE ACTIVELY EXAMINING PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT US- YUGOSLAV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS INSTRUCTED BY CABINET (REFAIR C). MARJANOVIC SAID THE CHAMBER WAS PRESENTLY EXAMINING SOME OF THE LEGAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN ESTABLISHING A JOINT US- YUGOSLAV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN YUGOSLAVIA.

2. WE BRIEFED MARJANOVIC ON CURRENT EMBASSY THINKING REGARDING JOINT CHAMBER IDEA ALONG LINES REFTTEL B. WE STRESSED (A) FIRST PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT CHAMBER IN THE U. S. AND (B) POSSIBILITY SHOULD BE EXAMINED OF ESTABLISHING MIXED COMMITTEE OF BUSINESSMEN, BANKERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS TO EXCHANGE PERIODIC VISITS IN ADDITION TO THE JOINT CHAMBER. WE TOLD MARJANOVIC THAT EXAMINATION OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT US- YUGOSLAV CHAMBER IN YUGOSLAVIA

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SHOULD BE CONTINUED AND ANY OBSTACLES REMOVED. HOWEVER, IT SEEMED TO US THIS ISSUE WAS LESS URGENT SINCE THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIAL PERMANENTLY BASED US BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN YUGOSLAVIA.

3. MARJANOVIC WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE WAS ANY REAL INTEREST AMONG AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN IN ESTABLISHING A JOINT US- YUGOSLAV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; WE ASSURED MARJANOVIC THAT SUCH INTEREST EXISTED AND WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN EXTENT SUCH INTEREST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE URGE COMMERCE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE YUGOSLAVS WITH THIS PROJECT WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL BE VERY USEFUL IN EXPANDING OUR TRADE RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA. IN PARTICULAR WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON THE EXTENT OF INTEREST AMONG AMERICAN FIRMS IN (A) ESTABLISHING JOINT US- YUGOSLAV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE US AND (B)

FORMING MIXED COMMITTEE OF BUSINESSMEN TO EXCHANGE PERIODIC VISITS IN ORDER DISCUSS PROBLEMS AND SET IN MOTION NEW INITIATIVES FOR TRADE EXPANSION.
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